

# ABSTRACT

1           An improved method and system for cleaning a cylinder  
2 of a printing press. One method involves soaking a strip of  
3 cleaning fabric on a press with a low volatility organic compound  
4 solvent. Excess solvent, if any, is removed to place the strip  
5 of cleaning fabric in functional equilibrium with the solvent.  
6 The cleaning fabric is then used to clean a cylinder.  
7 Alternatively, the strip of cleaning fabric is soaked on site by  
8 contacting the strip of cleaning fabric with the solvent and  
9 wrapping the strip of cleaning fabric into a cleaning fabric  
10 supply roll. The cleaning fabric is then brought in engagement  
11 with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without  
12 disposing a sleeve around the fabric roll and without  
13 substantially disturbing the distribution of the solvent in the  
14 fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of  
15 the fabric.